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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Warout Primary and Community School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- Staff work well together to build positive relationships with children and their families. Parents value the school's ongoing communication and feel part of their child's learning journey through regular information about their child's learning experiences.
- Staff meet the wellbeing needs of children well. Children enjoy positive relationships with all staff who know the children and their families very well. Staff work with a wide range of partners to meet their needs.
- Children are motivated by digital technology and teachers make effective use of this in learning activities. They also provide digital devices to enable children who require additional support to access their learning.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from Fife Council.

- Senior leaders, staff, children, parents, carers and school partners should review the school's vision, values, aims to demonstrate consistently high expectations and raised aspirations for all children.
- Teachers need to improve learning and teaching, with a particular focus on pace, challenge and progress.
- Senior leaders should ensure there are improvements in children's attainment, achievement and attendance.
- Senior leaders and staff should review systems and processes for collecting and analysing attainment information to lead to improvement.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#). Quality indicators help schools, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers details of our evaluations to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

## Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Warout Primary and Community School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>weak</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>weak</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>weak</b>

Descriptions of the evaluations are available from:  
[How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#), [Appendix 3: The six-point scale](#)

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Details | Find an inspection report | Find an inspection report | Inspection and Review | Education Scotland](#)

### What happens next?

As a result of our inspection findings we think that the school needs additional support and more time to make necessary improvements. We will liaise with Fife Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within 12 months of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with Fife Council the details of this inspection. When we return to inspect the school we will write to you as parents/carers informing you of the progress the school has made.

Ken McAra  
HM Inspector